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Title:	SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM	Group Art Unit: 3761

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) month (from January 3, 2003 to February 3, 2003) within which to respond to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

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